## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

## Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A workpiece seat for the machining of bar-shaped
- 2 workpieces by milling and turning operations, said workpiece seat comprising:

an elongated housing;

- a spindle rotatably supported in the housing, said spindle having a working end; an electric direct drive for the spindle, said drive comprising a rotor fixed on the spindle
- 6 and a stator fixed in the housing;
  - a clamping means provided at the working end of the spindle, said clamping means being
- shaped and configured for fixing a bar-shaped workpiece in the spindle;
  - a connection unit provided at a rear part of the housing for energy supply; and
- a fixing means for fixing the spindle in the housing by contacting the working end of the
  - spindle, said fixing means being formed as a compact part and is arranged on the working end of
- 12 the spindle before the front-side spindle bearing arrangement, the fixing means further
  - comprising an annular elongated pressure chamber formed in the housing part, into which at
- least one pressure-oil channel terminates and which is limited in a radial inward direction by a
  - deformable radial inner wall.
    - 2. (Original) The workpiece seat according to claim 1, further comprising a
- 2 front-side spindle bearing arrangement.
  - 3. (Cancelled)

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- 4. (Currently Amended) The workpiece seat according to elaim 3 claim 1, wherein
  the fixing means comprises at least one fixing element at least partially surrounding the spindle,
  which directly acts on the peripheral surface of the spindle.
- 5. (Original) The workpiece seat according to claim 4, wherein the fixing
  2 element is arranged in a housing part such that it can be moved or deformed by a driving force.
  - 6. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Original) The workpiece seat according to claim 4, wherein the fixing means
  2 further comprises an annular elongated pressure chamber formed in the housing part, into which
  at least one pressure-oil channel terminates and which is limited in a radial inward direction by a
  4 deformable radial inner wall.
- 8. (Original) The workpiece seat according to claim 5, wherein the fixing means
  further comprises an annular elongated pressure chamber formed in the housing part, into which
  at least one pressure-oil channel terminates and which is limited in a radial inward direction by a
  deformable radial inner wall.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The workpiece seat according to elaim 6 claim 1, wherein
  the radial inner wall of the pressure chamber is a constituent of the housing part.

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- 10. (Currently Amended) The workpiece seat according to claim 6 claim 1, wherein
- the radial inner wall of the pressure chamber is a resilient sleeve.

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